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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: CARTER TRIP

1. DAILY EC-ORIENTED NEWS BULLETIN EUROPE DEVOTED FULL FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL JANUARY 10 TO ASSESSING PRESIDENT CARTER'S FOREIGN TRIP AND, ESPECIALLY, HIS VISIT TO EC COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS. NOTING THAT IT WAS "ESSENTIALLY AN INFORMATION AND MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCE TRIP," THE PAPER FELT THAT "FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW THE RESULTS ARE, WITHOUT A DOUBT, VERY POSITIVE. NOW CARTER HAS A BETTER PICTURE OF THE WORLD SITUATION AND THE WORLD HAS GAINED A BETTER INSIGHT INTO AMERICAN POLICY."

2. REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE EC COMMISSION, EUROPE COMMENTED: "...IT IS POSSIBLE TO CONFIRM TODAY WHAT WE WROTE ON THE EVE OF IT REGARDING THE HISTORIC NATURE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO THE BERLAYMONT. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE 25 YEARS OF THE COMMUNITIES' EXISTENCE, A U.S. PRESIDENT VISITED THE EXECUTIVE BODY'S  
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HEADQUARTERS AND HAD A FACE-TO-FACE DISCUSSION OF COMMON PROBLEMS WITH THAT BODY'S MEMBERS. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT HE CONCLUDED HIS OPENING SPEECH BY QUOTING JEAN MONNET. AND IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT IN CLOSING THE DEBATE HE EMPHASISED THE IMPACT OF RECIPROCAL CONSULTATIONS BY STATING: "TO A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE I WOULD MODIFY AND SHAPE OUR OWN NATION'S POLITICAL AND

ECONOMIC DECISIONS BASED UPON THE ADVICE AND INFORMATION WHICH I CAN DERIVE FROM ALL OF YOU".

"WHEN ONE RECALLS THE CONTROVERSIES SPARKED OFF IN ITS DAY BY THIS QUESTION OF RECIPROCAL CONSULTATIONS, VIEWED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE WITH DISTRUST AND HOSTILITY, ONE CAN MEASURE THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE INTERVENING TIME. THE FACT OF HAVING UNDERTAKEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO ALSO HAVE THESE CONSULTATIONS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, NAMELY BETWEEN THE U.S. PRESIDENT ON THE ONE HAND AND THE COMMISSION PRESIDENT ON THE OTHER, CONSTITUTES A VERY SATISFACTORY CULMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF THE SATISFACTORY FUNCTIONING OF THE EXISTING MECHANISM."

3. EUROPE ALSO CITED POSITIVE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY AND EC OFFICIALS ON U.S. DEFENSE OF THE DOLLAR, THE MTN, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S ENERGY POLICY AND NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS. MONSEN

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